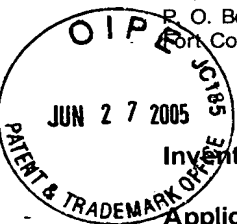


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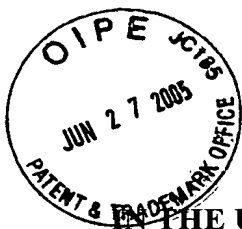
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and further examine the rejection of claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Applicants respectfully request favorable action by the Examiner.

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